

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 34 are pending in the application. Claims 28-30 are withdrawn.

I. Allowed claims 18-27 are respectfully accepted.

The applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating the allowed claims.

II. The allowable subject matter.

Dependent claims 5, 10, 11, 13-17, 32 and 34 are indicated at point 10 of the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully ask that these claims remain allowable for possible use in the future. Also, at this time, applicants have chosen to accept the allowable subject matter from claim 5 and claim 13 as follows:

1. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 1, i.e., $5=1+5$, and is now allowable.

2. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claims 1, 9, and 12, i.e., $13=1+9+12+13$, and is now allowable. Claims 14-17 depend from claim 13 and are therefore also allowable.

III. The anticipation rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12, 31 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Amitay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,737,004). Independent claims 1, 31, and 32 have been amended herein as explained below.

As can best be seen in the embodiment shown in present Figure 1, section 212 is asymmetric. Independent claims 1, 31, and 32 have been amended to include this limitation. Thus, Figure 1 supports the amendment and no new matter is added.

In contrast Amitay, section 62 is symmetric. 62 is also symmetric because it is conical. Thus, claims 1, 31, and 32 are not anticipated by Amitay.

IV. Claim rejections -35 U.S.C. § 103.

Dependent claims 3-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amitay et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,737,004). However, it is respectfully asserted that claim 1 is allowable as described above and no similar teaching is taught or suggested by Amitay with its symmetric sections. Thus, dependent claims 3-4 are respectfully asserted to be allowable.

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V. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and following remarks.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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